



8th EBL NBO Officers' Seminar
Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st January 2016
Rome - Italy

Presence of Bridge in Various Sport Organisations

In June 1995 the IOC admitted the WBF as part of the Olympic movement, awarding it the status of **Recognized Sport Organisation**

Quotes from International Federations Recognised by the IOC:

28 | IOC Annual Report 2014

ARIFS Message

The WBF is strongly involved in the development of youth bridge. The WBF Youth Camps held over the past 25 years have provided a facility for young people to come together in a very special environment, where they receive teaching, play bridge and other sports; these Camps have seen players return as many times as they are able and have also been a training ground for many of today's international players. The project is continuously in progress, being implemented every year.”
Gianarrigo Rona
President, World Bridge Federation (WBF)



SPORTS

Bridge

TOP COMPETITIONS

Yearly World Championships in 4-year cycle; Youth (U20, U25, U25 Girls) World Championships; Continental Championships in Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania

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University Games



The screenshot displays the EUSA (European University Sports Association) website. At the top left is the EUSA logo. A navigation menu includes 'NEWS', 'EUSA', 'EVENTS' (highlighted), 'PROJECTS', and 'MEDIA'. A search bar is present with the placeholder text 'Type and hit enter ...'. Below the navigation, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Events > Games > Zagreb-Rijeka 2016'. The main content area features the title 'European Universities Games Zagreb-Rijeka 2016' and the event logo, which depicts a stylized flame in blue and red. A list of events is provided on the left sidebar, with 'Zagreb-Rijeka 2016' selected. The event details state it will take place in Zagreb-Rijeka, Croatia, from July 12 to 25, 2016. A list of sports to be featured is also provided.

EUSA EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

NEWS EUSA **EVENTS** PROJECTS MEDIA

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EVENTS

EVENTS CALENDAR

GAMES

- Bidding 2020
- Coimbra 2018
- Zagreb-Rijeka 2016
- Rotterdam 2014
- Cordoba 2012

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CUPS AND PATRONAGE

CONFERENCES

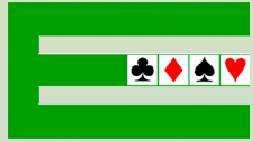
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European Universities Games Zagreb-Rijeka 2016

Zagreb-Rijeka, Croatia: July 12 – 25, 2016

The 3rd edition of the European Universities Games will be held in the Croatian cities Zagreb and Rijeka in July 2016. Sport featured are Badminton, Basketball, Basketball 3x3, Beach Volleyball, Bridge, Chess, Football, Futsal, Golf, Handball, Judo, Karate, Rowing, Rugby 7's, Sport Climbing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo.

Zagreb · Rijeka 2016
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES GAMES
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Relation of National and International Sports Organisations₅

NATIONAL SPORT	INTERNATIONAL SPORT
NBO	EBL, WBF
NOC, other national sport organisations	IOC, EOC, ARISF, IMSA, Sportaccord
Government	EU -Organisations
School/ University Sport	FISU, EUSA
Nat. Social Associations	Int. Social Associations
Local sponsors	Global sponsors



Your NBO's relation to national sports organisations₆

Aims:

- **Recognition of your NBO as a non profit, public serving sports organisation.**
- **Admission/authorization for teaching bridge at schools and universities.**
- Effective cooperation between authorities and NBOs.
- **A sports federation can receive all possible advantages as taxation, financial and organisational support.**
- **Opening the gate to publicity.**



Your relation to national sports organisations₇

- The complexity of relation NOC-NBO.
- The development mostly depends on your NBO's conformity with the national understanding of olympic charter.
- The good examples of successful relations between NOC and EBL-NBO-s are often adaptable in your countries.
- Transform your NBO-structure to an NOC conform sport federation.



The Bridge Sport in sports politics₈

- The management of the relations between IOC and bridge sports organisations is the task of WBF.
- Your NOC has to recognize your NBO, if once bridge will be played at an olympiad.
- However, the NOC grants your NBO its membership, unless for any reason it will be declined.
- The good EOC – EBL partnership also serves the interests of our NBO-s.



Your participation in the international sports scene,

- The decision makers in your country's government, the courts and taxing authorities will handle your NBO favoured, if your NBO has a healthy background in the system of international sports organisations.
- EBL can help the recognition process by your government and help to promote bridge in your country.
- A secret: it is difficult to understand the values of bridge, if a decision maker has no idea about bridge!
- Teach them

An example of international sport organisation – NBO cooperation¹⁰



Liebe Organisatoren,
Teilnehmer und
Zuschauer der
European Maccabi
Games 2015,

nach einer 30-jährigen
Unterbrechung fanden
die ersten European
Maccabi Games nach
dem Zweiten
Weltkrieg in
Kopenhagen statt, der
Stadt, die 20 Jahre
lang meine
Heimatstadt war.

Jetzt, 56 Jahre später, werden die Spiele zum ersten Mal
überhaupt in Berlin stattfinden, in Deutschland, meinem
Heimatland. Aus diesem Grund ist es für mich besonders
aufregend, als Patin für die Bridgeturniere angefragt zu
werden.



Your relation to your national sports organisations

- There are many ways to success and you can use all of them – To be able to promote, foster, promulgate and develop the sport of Duplicate Bridge throughout your NBO.
- The international sports organisations show understanding of the olympic values of activities of WBF and its zonal organisations . You should transplant this success to your national environment.
- The participation of your players, teams and co-workers at international championships improves your rating in your own country. One of the best promotion for bridge in your country is to help EBL keeping a Championship.



Youth Organisations

- Your EBL membership and the EBL-s knowledge base are a guarantee of your work in youth organisations.
- EBL supports the work of EUSA and FISU. These international sport organisations politically also support your national university bridge sport.
- A good promotional activity is to organize university and school championships, courses and support the participation of your best young players at international championships.
- Show good examples from abroad and get the best assistance from teachers and ministers. Teach them



FISU EUSA₁₃

The national university sport organisations accept bridge as a sport in most countries in harmony with EUSA and FISU. If not, fight against misunderstanding or ignorance. Adopt the methods proposed at this seminar

- This work finally makes it possible to have access to forums of universities, to play at university rooms, it even promotes financial support.
- **VITALIZE THIS PROCESS!** – Let the young members of your federations work!



Your relation to local organisations 14

- In many cases cities and districts **interested in international publicity in your Country** show much more readiness to support a bridge event than your government. An active NBO can play the role of the **link** between a **city** and the **international sport scene**.
- There are many ways and reasons to improve the quality of work of the NBO-s PR-committee using the international aspects of our sport.



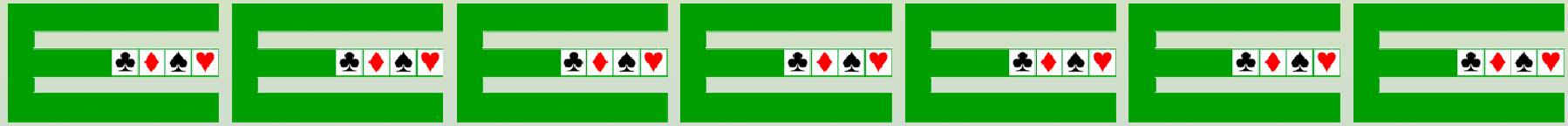
Your NBO-s activity has an international background¹⁵

- Your membership at WBF and EBL
- A.) entitles your NBO to profit from the system. This system is built up to support the bridge in member countries of WBF and EBL.
- B.) help your colleagues and your members to recognize the common interests of the international community of all NBO-s. In most cases these are in your national interest, too.



Let's improve the image of bridge as a sport

- All information you receive here in Rome should motivate you to struggle for the development of bridge in your country.
- Your enclosed environment can show lack of understanding for the values propagated by bridge, but nobody can ignore IOC, ARISF, IMSA, EUSA, FISU, WBF, EBL.



- **Take responsibility** for the international sports activities of your NBO



- **Help** the development of bridge in your NBO to improve the image of our sport in your country. Distribute the knowledge you bring home from this seminar in Rome to your colleagues in your NBO!